

JUDGESHIP HANGS FIRE

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

If the usual Tuesday cabinet meeting was held at Washington yesterday, it is altogether probable that the Hawaiian case came up for mention, at least, Victor Metcalf of California, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, is said to be a firm friend of Judge Robinson, and would probably use his influence with the President to give Robinson's side of the case a hearing.

Neither Governor Carter nor Judge Robinson had a word yesterday relative to the appointment to the judgeship, nor did the Associated Press cast any light on the matter, although the town awaited anxiously for some news from Washington. If the matter did come up for consideration in the Cabinet meeting, it is entirely possible that no determination was reached. If, on the other hand, Attorney General Moody began his investigation on his own account, as Mr. Walker cabled to the Advertiser that he would, it is possible that he found it a matter requiring more time for its consideration than he had expected, and that his long-range investigation of "Judge Robinson's reputation" is not yet ended.

HIGH POLITICAL INFLUENCE.
Apropos of the Washington aspects of the case, there are some things that have not been properly considered at this end, because conditions in California and at Washington are not so well understood here as they might be, perhaps. Victor Metcalf, who is Judge Robinson's friend, is also the friend of Senator George C. Perkins, and is very close himself to President Roosevelt. Victor Metcalf belongs to the dominant faction of Alameda county politicians, the faction that controls national affairs in California. To the same faction belongs George Hutton, political manager for Senator Perkins. Wm. H. Dargie, Supreme Court Judge Henshaw, and all that ilk. These men stand together and stand by each other in all things political, and generally win their fights.

Metcalf, being close to Perkins, can perhaps be relied upon to hold the Senator, and through him Senator Flint, to the President in what is a very critical time for President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft. The administration stands in need of Senators, just at the present time, and every one counts. In fact, the President has reached the most critical time in his administration. The San Francisco papers received here by the last steamer printed the following:

AFTER THE PRESIDENT.
"WASHINGTON, January 11.—That Secretary Taft had no authority for entering into his agreement with the republic of Panama and banking houses doing business in the isthmus for the maintenance of the parity of Panamanian money and making the money of the United States legal tender in Panama."

"It is understood this is the unanimous report of the Committee on Finance, which was directed by the Senate to investigate and report upon the Secretary's action. Republican members of the committee have made it plain that they see no way by which to defend the action of the Secretary of War, Senator Bailey, on whose resolution the investigation was ordered, has given assurance that, if a unanimous report be made, he will not debate the questions involved, but if

YOU WILL NOT

be deceived. That there are cheats and frauds in plenty everybody knows; but it is seldom or never that any large business house is guilty of them, no matter what line of trade it follows. There can be no permanent success of any kind based on dishonesty or deception. There never was, and never will be. The men who try that are simply fools and soon come to grief, as they deserve. Now many persons are, nevertheless, afraid to buy certain advertised articles lest they be humbugged and deluded; especially are they slow to place confidence in published statements of the merits of medicines. The effective modern remedy known as

WAMPOL'S PREPARATION is as safe and genuine an article to purchase as flour, silk or cotton goods from the mills of manufacturers with a world-wide reputation. We could not afford to exaggerate its qualities or misrepresent it in the least; and it is not necessary. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry; and how valuable such a blending of these important medicinal agents must be is plain to everybody. It is beyond price in Insomnia, Anemia, Weakness and lack of Nervous Tone, Poor Digestion, Lung Troubles and Blood Impurities. Science can furnish nothing better—perhaps nothing so good. Dr. W. H. Dargie, of Canada, says: "I have used it in my practice and take pleasure in recommending it as a valuable tonic and reconstructive." It is a remedy that can afford to appeal to its record and represents the science and knowledge of bright and aggressive medical investigation. "One bottle convinces." At chemists.

there is an attempt to justify the Secretary's action the matter will be considered into the Senate.

"Every Republican member of the committee coincides with Senator Bailey that this General Agreement, tantamount to a treaty with the republic of Panama, was entered into without any warrant of law.

"There has been no more important political step in recent years in Washington than that decided upon by him. All members of the Senate, without regard to party, with reference to the propriety of President Roosevelt, to act on his own responsibility, without reference to Congress. It has been definitely decided that Mr. Roosevelt shall be curbed, and effectually curbed. Whether this is to be a peaceful process will rest entirely with the President.

"The Senate is going to investigate every act of the President that it considers unconstitutional or as invading its prerogatives, and as the first step it proposes to inquire, at great length and with much formality, into the action of Secretary Taft, under instructions from the President, in making the now famous agreement to maintain the parity of the silver coinage of the republic of Panama with the money of the United States.

"Mr. Roosevelt knows of this intention, and does not view it with entire equanimity.

MR. ROOSEVELT WARNED.
The first sign of this rebellion of the Senate was shown when Senator Kittredge told Mr. Roosevelt three weeks ago that he had better prepare for the fullest sort of an investigation of his acts in connection with the Panama canal. The next sign came yesterday, when the Senate, without a dissenting vote, adopted a resolution introduced by Senator Bailey of Texas, directing the Finance Committee to inquire into the circumstances of the agreement for the maintenance of the parity of the silver money of Panama.

"Some of the most prominent members of the Finance Committee have expressed the opinion that, in making this agreement, President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft had, in an entirely illegal and unconstitutional way, made a treaty between the United States and Panama. They had acted, one Senator said, as if the republic of Panama were one of the colonial possessions of the United States.

"The agreement, which the Senate holds is a treaty, was made through the Canal Commission, acting through Secretary Taft; the republic of Panama, acting through William Nelson Cromwell, its fiscal agent, and these bankers: Ehrman & Co., Isaac Braden & Bros., the International Banking Corporation and the American Trade Development Company. It was entered into by Secretary Taft in Washington, on June 29, 1904, and confirmed and promulgated in Panama on December 5, 1904.

"Under the agreement the silver coinage of Panama was to be recognized at the ratio of two silver pesos for each dollar of United States currency. Exchange at Panama was at the rate of two pesos and one cent for each American dollar. American money was to be exchanged for Panama money at the rate of three-fourths per cent, and exchange on New York was to be sold at rates not to exceed three cents."

THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DYNASTY
President Roosevelt would not be likely to sacrifice the judiciary to any question of political expediency, or to the preservation of his own political fortunes—but the President is a good politician, and if he can make friends of the California Senators and at the same time do the judiciary no harm, he would be something more than human if he failed in the effort at least to make the Senatorial friends. The Californians from Alameda county are politicians, too, and as has been said before will stand together to win any fight for any man whom they count as friend. George Hutton is Judge Robinson's friend, and so is Victor Metcalf, and so is Senator George C. Perkins.

SHIPMAN ANSWERS.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

The answer of W. H. Shipman in the alleged Beef Trust case was filed in the United States District Court yesterday. Carl Smith of Hilo being attorney for Shipman. Shipman, in his answer, admits that he is in the meat business, but denies that he has ever taken part in any unlawful trust, combination or conspiracy. He says that he has never had any agreement with the Metropolitan Meat Company, excepting in 1904 and 1905, when he sent that company two shipments of beef cattle, for which, he alleges, the company paid him the prevailing market price at the time of the shipment.

As a further answer, Shipman says "that he has at all times sold and delivered the beef cattle and the beef produced by him in the open market to such purchasers as he was able to find, and that all said beef and beef cattle sold by the defendant were sold in full, fair and free competition with other producers of beef and beef cattle within the Territory of Hawaii, and that the price at all times received by this defendant for cattle sold by him as aforesaid was the highest and best prevailing within the Territory at the time of the making of such sales, and that the said price received by him, and the delivery of the beef and beef cattle so sold by him, were in no way affected by any agreements with the Metropolitan Meat Company, or other defendant named in said petition."

The return day in the case is February 24, by which time it is expected that all the seventy odd defendants will have filed some sort of an answer to the petition. Still another law firm has appeared in these cases. Thayer & Homenway having taken up the defense of some of the respondents.

The engagements of Miss Helen K. Sorenson to Mr. A. R. McLane of Kauai, and of Miss E. Dagmar Sorenson to Mr. Douglas M. Kinsaid, the son of the Rev. W. M. Kinsaid, D. D., are announced.

PLANTATIONS ARE LAGGING

The Territorial Board of Immigration held its regular weekly meeting yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. It was a lively meeting, and the comment was made by members that some of the sugar plantations were not displaying sufficient enthusiasm in the matter of importing 1000 Portuguese families to settle on agricultural lands in the islands.

Commissioner J. P. Cooke expressed the opinion that some of the plantations had even taken advantage of the Board of Immigration, and he believed that the sugar plantations, besides the very few which had already showed a willingness to enter into the business of getting immigrants here, should certainly come forward and do their part.

The commissioners, generally, were of the opinion that the lagging plantations should fall into line. In connection with this matter, letters were read from Secretary A. L. C. Atkinson, who is to go to the Azores and Madeira to see whether such agricultural families as are desired can be obtained. Mr. Atkinson confirmed the cablegrams sent him by the Board relative to his trip. Writing from New York, Mr. Atkinson said that he was looking up a steamer for the transportation of the immigrants across the Atlantic, and was getting information concerning Portuguese, Poles, Italians and others. The secretary cautioned the Board to be very careful in offering inducements to immigrants to go to the islands. Much will depend on the report of the first batch of immigrants as to the complete success of the present venture. It was stated that the cost of transporting an adult via the Tehuantepec route would be about \$50.

The secretary made complaint of the non-receipt of his letter of instructions until several days after he should have had it in his hands. Mr. Cooke stated that any delay occasioned was at the other end, not in Honolulu, according to Postmaster Pratt's records.

Mr. Cooke announced that Waialua plantation was ready to accommodate fifty families. He also stated that a man here named Hutchinson had received a cablegram from the Azores stating that Portuguese laborers could easily be secured.

Mr. Tenney said Ewa plantation could take 100 families but would offer them no homes. Ewa had no land to convey to immigrants, not owning any in its own right. He stated, also, that Waialua could take 150 families and would give them homes. They could raise cane on the share system.

Mr. Cooke stated that at least one acre for each of the thousand families must be supplied by the plantations.

Mr. Tenney remarked that Waialua plantation had constructed thirty new houses for Portuguese families in the past year at a cost of \$332 each. He thought that if better inducements than these were offered the new people, those already taking advantage of the present inducements, might become dissatisfied. He stated that it would entail an expenditure of about \$60,000 to install a hundred families at Ewa. Such an amount of money could not be carelessly spent. There must be an assurance that the experiment would be successful.

Mr. Cooke said that one plantation man had told him his plantation could accommodate about 250 families, but would give no lands. When asked for a guarantee, he would not give it. Mr. Cooke said the land inducement to the immigrants must be made in all good faith.

He thought this was a lack of co-operation. The Governor, he said, felt very strongly on the point of an acre per family.

Mr. Tenney declared that whatever promises he had made would be carried out. Mr. Carden remarked that the plantations which were the first to co-operate with the Board should be the first to select the families they desired. Mr. Cooke said that the immigrants must suit themselves on arrival.

It was shown by figures that all allotment so far received from plantations will accommodate but 525 families.

The ship Dirigo which put into Montevideo with her coal cargo heated sailed again for this port on January 3. The Dirigo has 4500 tons of coal for the Navy Department. The ship Bangalore, also carrying coal for the naval station, put into Valparaiso with her cargo heated. The ship John Ena with 1000 tons of coal for the navy put into Cape Town with her cargo on fire.

The stockholders of the Kohala Ditch Company yesterday authorized the execution and delivery of a trust deed for half a million dollars to the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco for the issuance of first mortgage six per cent bonds for the construction of the ditch. These bonds are payable in thirty years, and redeemable in ten. They are practically all taken by the Harvey Mill Co., the Samuel Parker interests and a San Francisco syndicate.

THE ONLY COUGH MEDICINE FREE FROM POISON.

The Pharmacy Board of New South Wales, Australia, had an analysis made of all the cough medicines that were sold on the market. Out of the entire list they found only one that they declared was entirely free from all poisons. This exception was Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which proves to be the safest and best that can be had. It is especially recommended for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and may be given to the little ones with absolute security. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

PROMOTION WORK PAYS

Twenty thousand dollars is the sum necessary to carry on the work of the Hawaii Promotion Committee for this year.

That it is money well spent may be judged from the opinion of Mr. E. I. Spaulding, a member of committee, who stated at yesterday's Promotion Committee meeting that the community was getting a full return for all the money expended in promoting the islands.

Secretary Wood's report on tourists' business was to the effect that 500 tourists were now visiting the islands or would be here shortly. The Promotion Committee throughout is pleased with the results of the promotion work and look for big returns in tourist traffic.

Much of the time of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the revenues on which the Promotion Committee depends for its existence, and it was agreed that the fund raised by the Chamber of Commerce and contributed to by every shipper in the city, should not be split up and expended for any purposes other than promotion development.

WALDRON TAKES SEAT.

Fred L. Waldron, the newly appointed member of the committee from the Merchants' Association, attended his first meeting yesterday. Mr. Waldron is an active and enthusiastic booster of Hawaii and his selection as a member of the committee is looked upon as wise. Mr. Waldron is a prominent commission man of Honolulu. There were also present Chairman J. A. McCandless, members E. I. Spaulding and F. C. Smith and Secretary Wood.

CLUBS TO MEET.

John Kidwell, designated by the City Improvement Committee to be present at the meeting to confer on a proposed meeting of all the city improvement clubs, stated that he was in favor of such a meeting to be held at an early date, preliminary to another meeting to be held while Park Expert Robinson is here, at which time Mr. Robinson is expected to make an address to the clubs. The Promotion Committee coincided with Mr. Kidwell's views and a meeting will be called for next Monday night, possibly at the Young hotel.

A general invitation to attend this meeting is extended by the two committees to all members of city improvement clubs and all interested in the work, and a special invitation is extended to ladies.

MOUNTAIN RESORTS.

Secretary Wood called attention to the need of mountain resorts for island people to visit in vacation times. If such places were provided the island people would not necessarily feel obliged to go to the mainland for a change of air. There were mountain places on Maui and Kauai admirably adapted to outings. If only inns were provided, Mr. Smith said that Humuulia Sheep Ranch was one of the finest places on Hawaii, if only accommodations for travelers were erected.

VISITORS APPRECIATIVE.

The Secretary stated that a number of visitors have expressed their delight in having come to Hawaii. Mr. Olmsted of Newport, R. I., who is stopping at the Moana hotel, thinks the climate would be difficult of duplication anywhere. He is aiding the promotion work very much by letters written to his friends in the east.

HOLIDAY ADVERTISING.

In a report on holiday advertising of the islands on the Pacific Coast, Secretary Wood stated that the very best results had been obtained. Displays of Hawaiian pineapples had been made in San Francisco and Los Angeles and attracted much attention. Growing pineapples are to be sent to all the Coast hotels and railroad offices for display.

BISHOP HAMILTON.

Bishop Hamilton of the Methodist church is writing descriptive articles on Hawaii for eastern publications. They are to be illustrated. Bishop Hamilton is intensely interested in the islands and wishes to see them advertised to the best advantage.

KAPIOLANI GOLF LINKS.

The matter of establishing a public golf links at Kapiolani Park, originally taken up by the Promotion Committee, and favorably commented on by Park Superintendent Young, is now in the hands of the Park Commissioners. Mr. Young stated there was considerable space at the park available for a links.

PACIFIC TENNIS OFFER.

It was reported to the committee that the Pacific Tennis Club had taken up the matter of opening its courts daily to 3 p. m. to tourists, and would probably act favorably thereon. Cards for the use of the courts by tourists are to be obtained from Secretary Wood. This is a very generous offer and the Promotion Committee was pleased to know that the organization was thus co-operating in the effort to afford strangers varied forms of entertainment.

PUNCHBOWL TRAIL.

Mr. Waldron was appointed a committee of one to confer with Governor Carter and Superintendent Holloway on the proposed trail up the slopes of Punchbowl from near the head of Hackfeld street. This matter was decided on at the last meeting of the Honolulu Improvement Committee and presented yesterday to the Promotion Committee. The latter organization considered the project a good one. Mr. Kidwell stated that Government Surveyor Wall had promised to lay out the trail for the committee, if desired, free of charge. Mr. Kidwell thought that prison labor could be obtained to build the trail. The Improvement Committee's letter on this subject was as follows:

PUNCHBOWL TRAIL.

Honolulu, Oahu, Jan. 23, 1906.
Mr. H. P. Wood, Secretary, Hawaii Promotion Committee, Honolulu, Oahu.
My Dear Mr. Wood: At the meet-

ing of the Honolulu Improvement Committee, held on Friday evening, Jan. 19th, the following resolutions were adopted and I was instructed, as Secretary, to bring them to the attention of the Promotion Committee:

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the Honolulu Improvement Committee that the Promotion Committee call a public meeting, at as early a date as may be convenient, to discuss improvement matters and arouse interest in bettering existing conditions in Honolulu, and that all those persons who have been asked to organize local improvement clubs be especially invited to attend.

It was the sense of this Committee that such a meeting would do much to arouse interest, prevent misunderstandings and make clear many matters which are perhaps now only imperfectly understood by those interested in the general movement.

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the Honolulu Improvement Committee that in laying out the district to be covered by a local improvement club, both sides of a given street be included, and that where planting along the street is undertaken, that a single species of tree be used for a natural section, that is, one or more blocks as the case may be.

It was the sense of this Committee in regard to the resolution that by having both sides of a given street under the management of one club much unnecessary friction would be avoided and that it would be possible to carry out plans for its development and improvement far more easily than if the street came under the combined jurisdiction of two clubs.

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the Honolulu Improvement Committee that a zigzag path be built up the face of Punchbowl, following the ridge above the reservoir and starting from the upper end of Alapai street; and that a few clumps of Night Blooming Cereus and other succulent plants be planted along such pathway.

Resolved, That Captain John Kidwell be requested to attend the meeting of the Promotion Committee to be held on Tuesday next, and to be prepared, if the members of the Promotion Committee so desire, to discuss with them the ideas of the Improvement Committee in regard to the proposed path up Punchbowl.

Very truly yours,
RALPH S. HOSMER,
Secretary.

A DISGRACE TO TOWN.

COHEN WANTS THE BAND.

Secretary Wood stated that Joe Cohen was thinking up a proposition to take the band away to the mainland for a four months' tour. He asked the co-operation of the committee in influencing the Supervisors to consider the matter. It was also suggested that some effort be made to give the band members the benefit of a whole year's salary, although they actually play in Hawaii only eight months. Members stated that the band's concerts at Portland last year did much good for Hawaii. Some said also that the band should meet steamers on their arrival.

WOOD TO SEE MAUI.

By invitation of W. A. Aiken and others on Maui Secretary Wood will leave for Maui on Tuesday's boat to stay over four or five days to get acquainted with the island's scenic attractions.

L. Frank Baum, the Chicago writer, has written the secretary that he will be unable to visit Hawaii this winter, as he has planned to go to Egypt.

President Griffiths of Oahu College is shortly to write an article on education in Hawaii which will be used by the Promotion Committee in leaflet form and distributed among the teachers at the annual session of the National Teachers' Association at San Francisco this summer.

Various letters were received regarding topics of interest, as follows:

Honolulu, Oahu, Jan. 16, 1906.

My Dear Mr. Wood: At the meeting of the Promotion Committee, Honolulu.

My Dear Mr. Wood: At the meeting of the Honolulu Improvement Committee, held on Friday evening, Jan. 12, 1906, the following resolutions were adopted and I was instructed, as Secretary, to bring them to the attention of the Promotion Committee:

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the Honolulu Improvement Committee that Cocos Plumosa be planted along the center of Kalakaua avenue (Waikiki road), from King street to Maake Island, at intervals of thirty feet apart, and that each tree be surrounded by a suitable guard.

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the Honolulu Improvement Committee that Latania borbonica be planted along both sides of Kalakaua avenue (Waikiki road), from King street to Maake Island, the trees to be set along the outer edge of the sidewalk at intervals of thirty feet apart, and so spaced as to alternate with the Cocos plumosa in the center of the road.

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of the Honolulu Improvement Committee that both sides of Pensacola street from Beretania street to the Pound be lined with Golden Shower trees, the spacing and arrangement to conform to the recommendations already made for that portion of Pensacola street lying between Lunaliho and Wilder avenue, namely, that the trees be set along the outer edge of the sidewalk as near thirty feet apart as is convenient with the intersections of the cross streets and with other factors interfering with regular spacing.

Resolved, That the attention of the Promotion Committee be called to the excellent opportunity which exists to develop the grounds surrounding the Executive Building as a park and public garden, worthy of their central and commanding position.

Resolved, That the attention of the Promotion Committee be called to the condition of the grounds around the Judiciary Building, especially to the former site of the Road Board stables and to the portion bordering Queen street, which in the opinion of the Improvement Committee is a disgrace to the town.

In regard to the recommendation concerning Kalakaua avenue, I was instructed, in view of the fact that the matter may come before the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting to request the Promotion Committee to take speedy action upon this Commit-

TWO BOATS ARE MISSING

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

Considerable anxiety is expressed over the fate of the schooner Lady, owned by Macfarlane, and the schooner Ada, owned by Dowsett. Both of the island boats were out in last week's storm, and have not yet been reported. The Ada left Lahaina for Honolulu last Wednesday. The vessel easily makes the trip in two or three days at the outside.

Under the circumstances it is believed that both vessels at least suffered severely, as they were undoubtedly caught in some of the gales which swept with unusual severity through the channels.

In this connection I might say that the recommendation regarding the improvement of Kalakaua avenue was made after the matter had been thoroughly discussed, it being felt that Cocos plumosa was the tree best adapted for planting in the center of such an avenue, while Latania borbonica, owing to its low habit, would be a good tree for the sides of the road, in that it would not be interfered with by wires strung thirty feet above the ground.

Very truly yours,
RALPH S. HOSMER,
Secretary.

PUNAHOU'S ACTIVITY.

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 20, 1906.
Secretary H. P. Wood, Hawaii Promotion Committee.

Dear Sir: In accordance with your request as Secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, a meeting was called Thursday evening, Jan. 18, for the purpose of organizing a local improvement club in the section whose boundaries are as follows: Wilder avenue from Punahou street to Metcalf street, down Metcalf street to Bingham street, along Bingham street to Punahou street, including also Artesian street and Alexander street above Beretania street.

It was decided to give to the club the name Alexander Street Improvement Club. John Kidwell was elected Chairman, and A. F. Griffiths, Secretary. Meetings are to be held subject to the call of the Chairman.

The following needs of the district were taken up, discussed and in each case a committee appointed to take the matter in charge:

1. Macadamizing Alexander street.
2. Macadamizing Artesian street from Wilder avenue to Dole.
3. Removal of trees on the sidewalks on Bingham street in front of the property of Dr. Bingham.
4. The proper care of sidewalks.
5. Condition of stone walls and fences, particularly the need of a cheap and durable paint or color wash for fences.
6. Need of electric lights at the following points: Corner of Metcalf street and Wilder avenue, Artesian street and Wilder avenue, Alexander street and Dole street and the top of Sen-view Hill.
7. The planting of poinciana regia on Wilder avenue.
8. The control of bill boards and advertising signs.
9. Care of vacant lots.

This letter is sent you in accordance with a vote of the meeting that the Hawaii Promotion Committee be informed of the organization of the club and the action taken in this meeting.

Respectfully yours,
A. F. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary Alexander Street Improvement Club.

The Pacific Club,
Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 14, 1906.
The Hawaii Promotion Committee.

Gentlemen: I have been here long enough to take more than a passing interest in your most beautiful city, and note with great pleasure and appreciation the various measures you have under discussion for further improving it. Please, therefore, accept this as my apology for intruding my views upon you, for so far I have not heard of any measures being taken, or likely to be taken, to preserve what is, in my opinion, one of the most beautiful bits of Sylvan scenery I have ever seen, in these islands or anywhere else.

I refer to the stretch of river bed extending from the Vinyard street bridge to Judd street. How it has come about that I have never been told of all the loveliness hidden from sight there during the whole year in which I have been living among you, I can not imagine, except on the supposition that very few are aware of it. It is indeed remarkable that right in the heart of the city and within a stone's throw of one of your chief thoroughfares—I refer to Nuuanu street—there lies so charming a possession for true lovers of nature.

To be brief, I most earnestly hope and submit that the whole of this stretch of river be conserved as a park. An artistically-traced road, winding in and out, on both sides of the river would provide a perfectly exquisite drive or walk. Narrow foot paths leading to pretty points of view and terminating with benches made of the lava rock should also be added. The Lantana should be cleaned out and also the evil-smelling vine that abounds there. Fern growth and a few clumps of palms judiciously placed. The disreputable shacks should be removed and a ranger installed to prevent vandalism. Nature will do the rest.

I understand that a professional gardener is coming from the Coast. Here would indeed be an opportunity for him. There needs so little to be done, but that little with skill and artistic knowledge.

I enclose a rough chart of the river bed and the neighboring streets, with the suggested road.

That the above will meet with the favorable endorsement of your body is the earnest hopes of gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
ALEX. SCOTT.